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Hurry up!! And...Slow down.

We have all experienced the urgency of the moment, only to arrive and then find out that we will have to wait. It can happen when we rush to make sure that we get to an appointment on time or make the weekday evening *minyan* (only to discover that while we are late, the requisite quorum is even later!).

But my "Hurry up!! And...Slow down" experience *par excellence* took place a year-and-a-half ago when I responded to a casting call invitation to play a rabbi in a movie. (Yes, I know: a real stretch!) There was the urgency of the first screen test and within a week a second one...and then a two-month lag until filming began. But that was nothing compared to the actual filming: two lengthy days of near tedium, punctuated by moments of great intensity and tension to produce less than fifteen minutes of footage. And then more waiting: the film debuted last fall at the Toronto Film Festival, one year after it was completed (a nice review in *Variety*), and it will go into general distribution after its New York premiere later this month.

It was a wonderful experience for me, taking me out of my usual environment, if only for a few days—and quite an honor! But before I agreed to do anything, I asked to read the script. I had to be sure that the movie did not lampoon Judaism, and that there was nothing in the movie that would bring dishonor to me or to the Synagogue. As I went through the script, I made many comments with a view to making the Jewish



aspects of the movie as authentic as possible. In most cases my advice was taken, but I also lost a few, most notably the lighting of Shabbat candles in a hospital room (only electric "candles" are permitted).

It was exciting to meet Helen Hunt who is the producer, director and stars in "Then She Found Me." I officiate at her wedding to Matthew Broderick, and later at the funeral of her mother, played by Lynn Cohen (Golda Meir in Spielberg's "Munich," and Magda, the Polish maid, in "Sex and the City"). Helen Hunt sent

me a beautiful e-mail following the wedding scene: "You did such a beautiful job. Matthew and I discussed after that how easy you made it, how you basically ran the whole thing with your depth and preparation and open heart to the whole process. Many, many thanks."

And now the clincher: it debuts on a Friday night, which also happens to be the Seventh Day of Passover!

I read recently that Joseph Cedar, the Israeli director of the Oscar-nominated film "Beaufort" and an Orthodox Jew, faced a similar Shabbat dilemma. The Motion Picture Academy holds a high-profile public symposium for the five finalists vying for the best foreign-language film on Saturday morning. He walked to the event.

But the difference between Cedar and me is that he makes his living in the cinema, and I... So, with no regrets, I'll be spending that Shabbat and Yom Tov with my family...taking it *slow*!

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ON THE COVER: *Haggadot* from the collection of Rabbi Judah Nadich.

The future is bright and I am so happy to share it with all of you.

Throughout the last few months I have heard from so many of you. I find this desire to share your views with me very exciting and very profound. These heartfelt emotions reflect an investment in our community. I feel honored and privileged to be the Chairman of the Board of a community in which people take the time to express their feelings, think about the direction of the Synagogue, and want what is best for our future. This reflects a commitment from our congregants to our congregation.

I could not have felt prouder of us when each of our Rabbinic candidates visited and over 1,000 of you were in the Synagogue. Another spectacular moment for us was the dedication of our 125th Anniversary Torah. On this occasion as well, over 1,000 people were present. Our visitors could not get over our Synagogue. The message we sent to our candidates made them want to be here, made them want to be at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Our new Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, will begin on July 1, 2008. He will be joined by a second Rabbi who will also begin on July 1, 2008. It is my expectation that our second



Rabbi will serve on an interim basis for one year, giving us time to better assess our needs for the future. I have appointed Paul Corwin as chairman of this search and have asked Art Penn, Richard Green, Susan Silverman and Marlene Muskin to serve on this committee. Menachem Rosensaft and I will be ex-officio members. This committee will most likely look for an experienced Rabbi who is retired and can begin immediately to serve in all the capacities we expect from a Rabbi.

It is a time of transition. Our Senior Rabbi has been chosen with great care. He meets the criteria that together we articulated as the priorities for the position. Our second Rabbi will be chosen with equal care. I am confident that we as a congregation will embrace these two individuals. We will greet them with enthusiasm, grace and understanding. The commitment we show to our congregation will translate into a commitment we show for our new Rabbis. The future is bright and I am so happy to share it with all of you.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy Passover.

Unbroken Chain: Celebrating 125 Years

New Book Chronicles History, Mission, and Values of Our Congregation

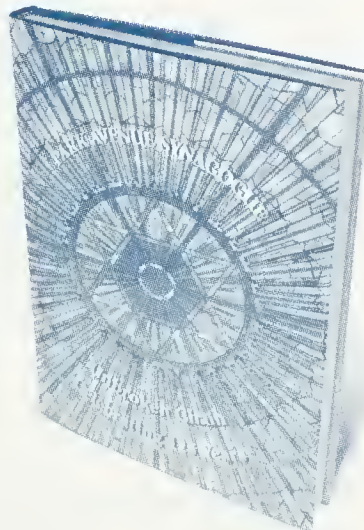
The celebration of Park Avenue Synagogue's 125th Anniversary features the publication of a 320-page book, compiled by historical archivists and contributing editors Laurie L. Harris and Marcia J. Stone and co-editors Jean Bloch Rosensaft and Joan K. Scheffler. This volume explores the history of our congregation's founding synagogues, the dedication demonstrated by generations of spiritual and lay leaders, and the continuity of our sacred mission: the transmission and practice of the Jewish faith.

Articles by clergy, educators, and congregants detail the development of our synagogue, from its earliest roots in the 1840s to the present day. Essays reveal the consistent values and goals of our community: outstanding clergy and teachers, education for the young, social activism, a love for Israel, and an institutional culture of lifelong learning about Torah,

Hebrew language, Jewish peoplehood, the legacy of the Holocaust, Jewish culture, life cycle events, holidays, and more.

Archival photographs and documents, drawn from the Park Avenue Synagogue Archives, provide a vivid impression of 125 years of our synagogue's leadership, architecture, art, educational and cultural programs, activities sponsored by the congregation's arms, and the overall aspiration to create a *kehillah kedosh*—a sacred community—rooted in worship, study, and acts of human kindness.

If you did not receive your complimentary copy at the 125th anniversary Gala Ball, you can pick one up on Sunday, May 4th at our Yom HaAtzmaut celebration—one copy per member family. Additional copies may be purchased from the Synagogue Office.



Schedule of Religious Services



Havurah

Saturday, April 5 | 9:30 am

A *Havurah* is a group of Jews who form a close community through the sharing of communal experiences, prayer, and fellowship. Park Avenue Synagogue offers the opportunity for all those who want to pray in a more intimate, discussion-oriented environment, with an emphasis on participation and learning. Our service meets on Shabbat mornings at 9:30 am in the Edmond de Rothschild Library approximately twice a month.

For further information please contact Rabbi Kenneth Stern at 212-369-2600 ext. 123.

Celebrating a Simcha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning Minyan.

Contact Lynn Schneider at the synagogue for more information, 212-369-2600.

EXCEPT AS NOTED

Daily Minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.

Mincha Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.

Hashkama Saturdays and Yom Tov at 7:30 am.

Information is subject to change. Confirm at www.pasyn.org or with the office.

Friday, April 4 28 Adar II

Light Candles: 7:06 pm
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service:
Welcoming the Sabbath
Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, April 5 29 Adar II

Parashat Tazrai
Shabbat HaChodesh
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Bloom
SON OF JEANNE AND JEFFREY BLOOM
9:30 am Havurah Service
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
11:15 am Nitzanim Service
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, April 6 1 Nisan

Rosh Chodesh Nisan

Friday, April 11 6 Nisan

Light Candles: 7:13 pm
5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat
6:00 pm CS Gimel, Daled Kabbalat Shabbat
Service & Dinner
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, April 12 7 Nisan

Parashat Metzora
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Lustig
DAUGHTER OF ANDREA AND IVAN LUSTIG
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Coplan
DAUGHTER OF CAROLYN AND DR. NEIL COPLAN
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
11:15 am Nitzanim Service
6:00 pm Mincha

Thursday, April 17 12 Nisan

7:15 am Siyyum B'Chorim "Fast of the First Born"

Friday, April 18 13 Nisan

Light Candles: 7:21 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, April 19 14 Nisan

Parashat Achrei Mot
Shabbat HaGadol
Erev Pesach
First Seder
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
6:00 pm Mincha
7:45 pm Passover Evening Service
8:15 pm Congregational First Seder \$ ©

Sunday, April 20 15 Nisan

First Day Pesach
Second Seder
7:45 pm Passover Evening Service
8:15 pm Congregational Second Seder \$ ©

Monday, April 21 16 Nisan

Second Day Pesach

Tuesday, April 22 17 Nisan

Chol HaMoed Pesach

Wednesday, April 23 18 Nisan

Chol HaMoed Pesach

Thursday, April 24 19 Nisan

Chol HaMoed Pesach

Friday, April 25 20 Nisan

Chol HaMoed Pesach
Light Candles: 7:28 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service
From Slavery to Freedom
Congregational Shabbat Dinner \$ ©
Chol HaMoed Pesach

Saturday, April 26 21 Nisan

Seventh Day Pesach
Food Pantry Shabbat
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, April 27 22 Nisan

Eighth Day Pesach
Yizkor Memorial Prayers

Wednesday, April 30 25 Nisan

Erev Yom HaShoah
6:00 pm Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.



Park Avenue Synagogue Community Seders | \$ ©

Traditional First Seder

Saturday, April 19 | 8:15 pm

following the 7:45 pm Evening Service

CONDUCTED BY Cantor David Lefkowitz

ACCOMPANIED BY Neil Robinson

Traditional Second Seder

Sunday, April 20 | 8:15 pm

following the 7:45 pm Evening Service

CONDUCTED BY Rabbi David H. Lincoln

ACCOMPANIED BY Jay Danzig

MEMBERS \$75/person, NON-MEMBERS \$125/person, CHILDREN UNDER EIGHT \$50.

RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 4

\$ © **For reservations** or more information, please call Naomi Lipnick at 212-369-2600 ext. 121.



Passover Family Art Workshop

Sunday, April 6 | 10:00 am

Instructors, Sarah Gribetz and Ellen Alt, Artist-in-Residence

Creating things with one's own hands provides not only a unique product and the satisfaction of achievement, but adds special meaning and value to the object and greater appreciation from the recipient or user.

Join Sarah Gribetz, Ellen Alt and members of all ages as we craft special Passover treasures, and have fun doing so.



Congregational Shabbat Dinner

"From Slavery to Freedom"

Friday, April 25 | following 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services

Now that the Seders are over, enjoy a warm, community Pesach Shabbat dinner without having to cook another meal. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED—DEADLINE APRIL 10. \$45/person.

Contact Lynley in the Lifelong Learning office at 212-369-2600 ext. 142 or llys@pasyn.org.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration and Service | Wednesday, April 30 | 6:00 pm | Speaker to be announced

Celebrate Israel @ 60!

P.A.S. is proud to celebrate Israel's 60th anniversary with a week of very special events, including:

Shabbat | May 2-3

Israeli born Cantor Meir Finkelstein will enhance our services throughout Shabbat and our Celebrate Israel @ 60! weekend with Israeli prayer and song.



Cantor Meir Finkelstein was born in Israel and moved to London when his father accepted a cantorial position there. Young Meir and his brother Aryeh accompanied their father at services. Meir became the youngest cantor in Europe when at 14 he was appointed cantor of a Glasgow synagogue. By 18, he was chazzan at Golders Green Synagogue. He graduated from the Royal College of Music with a degree in Singing, Piano and Composi-

tion. He subsequently emigrated to the United States and served major congregations as cantor while gaining recognition as a composer of contemporary Jewish music. His concertizing includes sold-out performances as one of the "Three Cantors." He is now the Cantor of one of Michigan's oldest and premiere Conservative synagogues, Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

Block Party | Sunday, May 4 | 12:00-4:00 pm | on 87th Street between Park and Madison Avenues
Events and Activities for all ages. Highlights to include:

Camel Rides—yes, a real live camel will be here!

Vendors—Israeli jewelry, CD's, books, crafts and Judaica

Israeli Café—enjoy Israeli food and drink

Rock Climbing wall—climb Masada!

Musical performances—from an Israeli jazz ensemble to Mika Hary, finalist, "American Idol"/Israel

Dance performances—including a CS student dance performance

Israeli wine tasting

Art projects, games, archaeological dig, rides, prizes

And much much more!



Celebration of Israel in Song: A Participatory Concert | Sunday, May 4 | 4:00 pm

Featuring guest Cantor Meir Finkelstein, our own Cantors Nancy Abramson and David Lefkowitz, the Congregational Singers *and you!*



SPECIAL SCREENING

"Beaufort" | Wednesday, May 7 | 7:00 pm

Special screening of Oscar nominated Israeli film, "Beaufort." Introduction and discussion with Dr. Tal Sissler, P.A.S. library assistant to Rabbi Dawn Rose, and a JTS Rabbinical School student. He is an Israel Defense Forces veteran who served his Israeli army time writing army history.

Volunteers needed for Sunday May 4 between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm. E-mail Heidi Silverstone at heidi@pasyn.org or call the synagogue office.

We also need your help on the various committees. Please contact the Chairs of the Israel Committee: Doree Greenberg at grandpacandy@nyc.rr.com or Kathy Grunfeld at katmg@aol.com.

Save the date for the **Salute to Israel Parade | Sunday, June 1**

AS WE CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY and the wonderful relationship we at P.A.S. have had with Eretz Israel, we invite all congregants to share their memories and their photos of experiences in and with Israel for the May Bulletin. Please send them to Patricia Rich, Bulletin Editor, at prich@nyc.rr.com, or to Sarah Gribetz, at sgribetz@pasyn.org.

Men's Club

Passover Wine Tasting, Wine and Mitzvah Sale | Thursday, April 3 | 7:00 pm

Opportunity to sample a large variety of quality kosher wines with expert guidance from the wine store. Order those you like for Passover delivery. Light refreshments will be served.

Men's Club

Project Ezra Food Delivery | Sunday, April 13 | 10:00 am

Men's Club members drive our high school students to the Lower East Side to deliver Passover food packages to the elderly residents. The visits from our students are terrifically appreciated as well as the contribution of food from the Men's Club Tzedakah.

Sisterhood

Daytime Book Discussion Group | Monday, April 7 | 11:00 am

Join us in the Rothschild Library for a discussion of "Natasha," by David Bezmozgis. Coffee and cake will be served. Membership is open to everyone at P.A.S.

For reading list and schedule information, *please call Dr. Renee Waldinger at 212-860-4308.*

Sisterhood Yiddish Club

Tuesday, April 15 | 1:00 pm

The Yiddish Club will hold its monthly meeting in the Rothschild Library. Coffee and cake will be served. Join us for Yiddish conversation and Yiddish culture--poetry, stories, music, theater, and film. Even if your Yiddish is very rusty, don't hesitate to come.

For more information *about the Yiddish Club, call Florence Solomon at 212-369-3856.*

Sisterhood Film Program

"Camille Pissarro" | Tuesday, April 29 | 1:00 pm

The Jewish Museum recently held a very successful exhibition of the work of Camille Pissarro (1830-1903). Born to a Jewish father on St. Thomas in the West Indies, Pissarro became an immensely influential figure in modern French painting. Along with Monet, he was a founding father of the Impressionist movement and participated in

all eight Impressionist exhibitions. As a teacher, he had a profound effect on younger painters, such as Cezanne and Gauguin, who moved beyond Impressionism. Sisterhood invites everyone to view and discuss a beautiful documentary film about the life and work of Pissarro. A light lunch will be provided.

Synagogue Family

Welcome to P.A.S. *Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:*

**Shira and Lee Bressler
Dr. Florence Comite
Allison and Michael Dubrow
Kimberly and Alexander Goldfarb**

**Jennifer Newstead and Alexander Mishkin
Elena and Michael Ridloff
Helen and Dr. Nathaniel Wisch**



Jordan Bloom | April 5

Jordan Bloom is excited to be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on *Shabbat HaChodesh*. Jordie is a Seventh Grade student at the Horace Mann School. He began his education at the P.A.S. Early Childhood Center, and has continued on in the Congregational School. Jordie is fun-loving, compassionate, and continually heightens his family's and many friends' enjoyment of each day with his easy going nature and quick smile. Jordie has many interests including swimming, music, and sports. He also enjoys summers at Camp Takajo.

Jordie will chant a special *Maftir* from the Torah, Book of Exodus, and the corresponding Haftarah, explaining the Israelites' rituals in preparation for Passover. This past December, Jordie also read from the Torah in Jerusalem during the group Bar Mitzvah *sharkarit* service on the P.A.S. trip to Israel.

Jordie would like to thank the clergy and his teachers for their guidance and support in helping him prepare to become a Bar Mitzvah both in Jerusalem and in New York.



Sarah Coplan | April 12

Sarah Coplan began her education in the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center when she was 3 years old, and has been in its Congregational School since Kindergarten.

Sarah is currently in the Seventh Grade at the Chapin School, where her favorite subjects are Art and Computer. Her passions include knitting, fashion design and painting, activities that she enjoys doing at Island Lake Camp in Starucca, Pennsylvania each summer. Sarah also spends time every summer with her family in Atlantic Beach, N.Y. where she enjoys going to the beach and riding her bicycle.

Sarah loves to travel and was especially fortunate to go to Israel over winter break with Park Avenue Synagogue. An incredible experience for Sarah was being able to have her Bat Mitzvah in Jerusalem with her family, classmates, and congregation there.

Sarah thanks her family and friends for their love and support, and Park Avenue Synagogue for helping her learn and prepare for this special day.



Gabrielle Jane Lustig | April 12

Gabi is thrilled to finally become a Bat Mitzvah after watching her two older sisters, Nikki and Allie, go through the same process at Park Avenue Synagogue. She has been a regular at P.A.S. since *Alef*, and is looking forward to continuing in the High School program. Gabi enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

She is currently a Seventh Grader at the Horace Mann School where she especially likes studying French and History as well as playing lacrosse and field hockey and running track and writes articles for the school newspaper. In honor of becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Gabi will make a donation to Meir Panim, an organization that provides meals and critical social services to Israel's poor throughout the country. During her recent trip to Israel in honor of Park Avenue's 125th Anniversary, Gabi volunteered at a Meir Panim relief center, which had a great impact on her. Gabi enthusiastically thanks the clergy, CS educators and the staff for guiding her to this milestone and for helping her to prepare to become a Bat Mitzvah.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

Blanche Agisim, *on the loss of her sister, Ethel Schoenburger;*

Doris Arluck, *on the loss of her son, Keith Arluck;*

Friends and family of the late Anita Nathan Bayer;

Edna Burak, *on the loss of her mother, Ruth Goodman Brussel;*

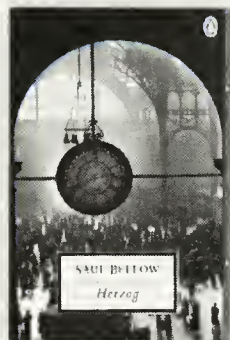
Alissa R. Fox-Zwiebel, *on the loss of her father, Arnold Fox;*

Stephanie G. Later, *on the loss of her sister, Patricia Molla Corn;*

Wendy Marks, *on the loss of her father, Alvin B. Marks;*

Elizabeth Miller, *on the loss of her father, Alfred Miller.*

Note: if you have family news to share with the congregation, please contact Lynn Schneider at the synagogue office: 212-369-2600 or lschneider@pasyn.org.



Evening Book Discussion Group | Monday, April 7 | 8:00 pm | No charge

The monthly meeting of the Evening Book Discussion Group provides a forum for thoughtful discussion of significant and interesting books. All are welcome to join us as we explore many subjects of particular interest to us all. This month we will be reading the classic "Herzog" by Saul Bellow. After enduring losses and the problems of being Jewish in the 1960s, Moses Herzog examines his life and world in a book that was immediately recognized as a masterpiece.

For more information, contact Pat Davidson at alpat@aol.com.

Learn Hebrew at Park Avenue Synagogue—the third trimester will begin in April | \$ ①

Mondays, April 7, 14, 28

Siddur Hebrew, Level II, Intermediate | 6:30-7:30 pm | Instr, Sarah Gribetz

Advanced Beginner's Conversational Hebrew | 6:30-7:30 pm | Instr, Andi Meiseles | no class April 14

Modern Hebrew for Intermediate and Advanced Students | 7:30-8:30 pm | Instr, Varda Hubara

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 29 | *note schedule change

Siddur Hebrew, Level I, Beginners | 6:30-7:30 pm | Instr, Dina Mann | no knowledge of Hebrew necessary

Advance registration and payment required. Members: \$50 per trimester; Non-members: \$75 per trimester.

Raising Your Jewish Child | Wednesday, April 2 (Final class of semester) | 10:30 am | \$ ①

Instructors, Sarah Gribetz, Lisa Samick and Dina Mann

This class is designed for parents of young children, from infants and toddlers to pre-schoolers and school-aged children. Sessions will cover the basics of home rituals, including celebrating Shabbat and holidays, bedtime and meals, as well as ideas of how best to integrate as a family into communal and synagogue life. People of all backgrounds are welcome.

Free of charge to those enrolled in HaMishpachah Sheli and/or JAMS. Enrollment open to all members at a cost of \$75 for the series.

Moses in Transition: From successful revolutionary to effective CEO

Wednesdays, April 2, 9 | 8:00-9:30 pm | Instructor, Rabbi Joseph R. Brodie | \$ ①

Having stared Pharaoh down and engineered a revolution freeing a motley crew of slaves from Egyptian servitude, can Moses also mold this "mixed multitude" into a unified nation ready to inherit a land of promise?

Full series of four classes: Members: \$50; Non-members: \$75.

Lunch 'n' Learn | Ongoing Thursdays | 11:00 am-1:00 pm | No charge

Instructors, Members of the Clergy and Education Department

Meet others and share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

\$ ① For more information on classes or to register, contact the Department of Lifelong Learning at 212-369-2600 ext. 140 or llys@pasyn.org.

P.A.S Is Just a Klik Away



Park Avenue Synagogue's website, www.pasyn.org has the latest news, events, and times for any synagogue-related activity. And it also has lots of information about classes, programs, events, people, organizations, and meetings.

SIGN UP FOR E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS! COMMUNICATE WITH OUR CLERGY AND STAFF!

The Rita and George Shapiro House

By Marcia Stone, Co-Chair, Archives Committee

Inscribed above the entrance through which we enter Park Avenue Synagogue are the words: "The Rita and George Shapiro House." At its dedication on November 30, 1980 it was known as the New School Building, but was later named for the chairman and his wife who had done so much to accomplish the construction of the last of the three buildings that comprise the synagogue as we know it.

Many years went into planning for this building. On May 25, 1970, in Israel Oseas' final address as Chairman of the Board he said, "Two years ago with high hopes I first announced to this meeting our plans for expansion. Land was bought. A new and badly needed building was to be constructed, and to pay for it there was to be a drive jointly for us and the Seminary for \$6,000,000. We considered the expansion essential to the future of the synagogue and the community it serves. The financing we foresaw as difficult, but feasible. A small number of very substantial contributors were reasonably expected to contribute 50% and the rest was to be raised from the general membership. In the future lay a difficult road, but an attainable goal.

"The road suddenly became not merely difficult, but impassable. The major contributions became unattainable. The economic conditions made clear the impossibility of going forward at that time with such an ambitious project." Oseas was probably referring to the then-ongoing decline in New York City: its residents and businesses were leaving for the Sunbelt and western states. As the '70s continued, the city was troubled by financial problems, police corruption, illegal municipal employee strikes and a declining quality of life.

P.A.S. had made a cash down payment of over \$230,000 for the property but still owed \$460,000 on mortgages to mature

within two years. Oseas felt that another property, for sale for \$140,000, should be bought. He was convinced that this land was essential to P.A.S.'s survival as a major synagogue, to allow for the expansion of facilities for both worship and education. In order to pay down the debt, repair the existing building, and obtain this last piece of land, the Board almost proceeded with a controversial plan to assess the congregation. Instead, it was agreed to launch a \$1,000,000 fund-raising campaign.

Much of the story of the new building has to do with fundraising, which was invariably challenging in a congregation that had "no *Kol Nidre* appeals, fund raising affairs, no dinner dances and no journals," according to Joseph Howard Katz, the Coordinator of the Building Committee and an Honorary President, who was trying to raise \$1,000,000. Appeals were made about the importance of Jewish education and for the generous participation of members.

By September, 1973 the mortgages for the land had been paid off and many repairs to the older buildings had been made. Robert Olnick, a congregant and Chairman of the Starrett Housing Corporation, served as an unpaid advisor in the development of the plans for utilization of the Madison Avenue properties. Bertram L. Bassuk, AIA, was asked to prepare preliminary architectural plans for a school building.

These plans proposed expansion of the Milton Steinberg House, instead of adding a separate third building and creating a hodgepodge. A final building on Madison Avenue was purchased. George Shapiro felt that with the support of the Board and the congregation and their continued financial commitment, they would be able to break ground for the new building in 1975.

The need for expanded Religious School facilities had become critical. The Milton Steinberg House was designed for

approximately 150 to 200 children. The school's enrollment had been growing by 10% yearly for the past ten years and was up to almost 400.

The Principal, Mrs. Rahel Bloch, wrote, "A school building with a minimum of twenty classrooms plus a teachers' lounge, audio-visual room, language laboratory facilities, and hopefully, an indoor playground where students can let out their energies between classes is a must. *Ashrey* ('happy is') the congregation whose youth fills its walls with studies and songs, whose children cry out for space to learn, to continue our cherished heritage, and to guarantee our survival as knowledgeable, creative, constructive future generations."

Peter Geffen, Director of the High School Department, wrote: "There is no future for Judaism without Jews. Failure to provide adequately for the needs of students today can be disastrous. We have young people who are willing to commit themselves to Jewish life and we therefore must enhance that effort. We need space-classroom space, open space and hopefully a gymnasium in a new building."

In the Sunday Times Real Estate Section of January 26, 1975 an article reporting on the proposed building included a rendering. George Shapiro was quoted as saying "construction was awaiting the completion of a fund drive. The preliminary cost estimate is \$3,000,000."

In his Report delivered at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Shapiro said, "Up to now, we have held back on the Building Campaign because of the economic decline which affected the stock market and other business activities during the year. [Note that economic stagnation was still impacting New York City, which came close to bankruptcy in 1975.] Nevertheless, even without a formal fund-raising campaign, many members of our synagogue, on their own and without prodding, made gifts, large and small."

At the close of the 1975 Kol Nidre Service, Rabbi Nadich announced that a renewed effort had begun for the new school building. He described it as "an appeal to conscience for those who are concerned with the preservation of Judaism.... "Through the wisdom of those who preceded us and because of their foresight, we inherited our synagogue. We too, must build for future generations to preserve traditional Judaism and a respect for our Jewish heritage: to translate Jewish spiritual values into meaning relevant to the world today."

Fundraising took many forms: members were asked to send pledges; Mrs. Herman Berger conducted a series of calisthenics classes for \$35, and gave the proceeds to the Building Fund. The Mr. and Mrs. Club gave \$10,000 to the Building Fund for the pledge year of 1975-1976 and hoped to be able to contribute the same amount the following year. In 1977 State Senator Roy M. Goodman was instrumental in arranging for a second contribution to the Building Fund from his family's foundation. He did so again in the fall of 1978.

The David J. Putterman Endowment Fund was established to raise money to honor the *Hazzan's* 43 years of service by building a Music Center in the new building. It was to consist of a music room where the children would be taught to sing and play, a record, tape and cassette listening room, with a library to house them, a rehearsal room for all choral and orchestral groups and a library of music books and books on Jewish music.

Many articles in the P.A.S. Bulletins during 1976 and 1977 described the proposed new facilities, to encourage contributions. The Board felt that the new facilities would result in an increase in membership, and the additional income would help to offset the additional expenses. The focal point of the proposals was the Library-Learning Center that would serve

as the core of the educational programs at P.A.S. by providing a place for learning and research amidst its 10,000 volumes dealing with every facet of Jewish life, learning, civilization, and culture.

In July, 1977 the architects Bassuk Panero & Zelnick delivered the final schematic plans, including working drawings for the construction of the foundations. This meant that bids could now be considered for the work. \$1.7 million had been raised at this point and George Shapiro did not want any major



the Lion of Judah

contracts to be signed until a minimum of \$2 million had been pledged.

In November Rabbi Nadich announced a matching contribution of up to \$500,000 by an anonymous congregant. This historic gift ushered in a new phase of the Building Fund and allowed plans to proceed.

Excavation began in March, 1978 with the hope that the building would be completed by August of 1979. On Sunday, April 16th the formal Groundbreaking Ceremony took place. Members of all ages from within the Synagogue *kehillah* and the greater community participated in the festivities. Programs, held both in

the sanctuary and at the construction site, encompassed three symbolic elements: the lighting of candles, symbolizing the light of the Torah; the passing of the Torah Scrolls from one generation to another, symbolizing the continuity of the heritage of the Jewish people from one generation to the next; and the turning over of earth, a symbolic gesture of groundbreaking.

Governor Hugh Carey spoke from the pulpit. He marveled at the strength of religion and religious commitment that enabled survivors of the Holocaust generation to continue to build school buildings so that children could learn of their heritage. Rabbi Nadich announced that the new building would serve as a living memorial to the memory of the one million children who perished in the Holocaust. He stated that this building was "an affirmation of faith: faith in America's political, economic, social and religious future; faith in the future of the City of New York; faith in the neighborhood in which we live; and faith in the future of Judaism in America through the education of the young."

On September 9, 1978 the building permit was officially approved. Twelve days later, the structural steel arrived. Construction was scheduled to begin two weeks thereafter. All of the activities held in both the 51- year old sanctuary building and the 24- year old Milton Steinberg House would continue with minimal disruption.

The last phase of the Building Fund Campaign was begun. The final goal was to raise \$3.6 million. At the December 7th Board meeting, the leaders of the campaign advised the Trustees that \$2.8 million had already been received in cash and pledges. Most of the steel framework had been erected and the stone facing of the new building was scheduled to begin in the spring.

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The Rita and George Shapiro House

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The building plans were carefully reviewed to ensure that the facilities would meet the needs of the congregation for many years to come and to be certain that the design of the new building would be in harmony with the classic architecture of the sanctuary. As a result of that review, they retained the architectural firm Schuman, Lichtenstein, Claman & Efron, which had designed the addition to Tiffany's on Fifth Avenue, to modify and complete the plans and design. They were assisted by Professor James Rush Jarrett and Dean Bernard Spring of the School of Architecture of City University.

James Jarrett wrote articles for the September and October 1979 P.A.S. Bulletins in which he described the New Building. He said "that it was very much a contemporary structure ... but to find meaningful satisfaction, the building had strong references to history and tradition. In fact, its precedents were more in Sinai than in the International Style. There were subtle references to Persian, Sassanian, and other Middle Eastern influences, plus references to Byzantine and Romanesque influences."

The exterior of the New Building was made of rusticated Mankato Limestone, from Minnesota. It was selected for its durability and compatibility, in both color and texture, with the existing Main Sanctuary. The warm golden buff is the color of the stone of Jerusalem.

Hadassah Ribalow Nadich, the wife of Rabbi Judah Nadich, wrote a booklet in 1980 about the New Building and its art, in which she said, "The building is reminiscent of ancient amenities. The temples of antiquity were surrounded by court-yard-enclosed plazas which served as a preparation for worship in the temple. The loggia by which one enters the building is derived from the ancient enclosed plaza."

According to Mr. Jarrett, "the three solid stone panels formed above the main entrance to the Loggia contain its

dedication. The topmost panel contains a bronze sculpture by Nathan Rapoport which shows three generations of Israelis returning to Israel with the Menorah from the Temple of Solomon which was removed by Titus during the destruction of Jerusalem. The central panel contains the dedicatory inscription that reads: 'To the Sacred Memory of the Million Jewish Children Who Perished in the Holocaust.' The lower panel holds a sculptured bronze relief, also by Nathan Rapoport, depicting Dr. Janusz Korczak, surrounded by the children of his



"To the Sacred Memory...."

orphanage in the Warsaw Ghetto." The Hebrew name of the congregation, Agudat Yesharim, appears on the lintel above the entrance inside the loggia.

According to a memo dated October 2, 1981, from Rabbi Nadich to Mrs. Bloch, he had chosen the symbols on the gates through which we enter the loggia. "The crown represents the crown of the Torah. The lion is the Lion of Judah. It represents the eternal strength of the Jewish people. The tree stands for the Tree of Life, suggesting our belief in the eternal life of Judaism. The six-pointed Star of David links us with the Jewish Kingdom and ancient

Jewish history as well as to the State of Israel. The *lulav* or palm branch and the *etrog* or citron are used on Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, known in our tradition as 'The Festival of Rejoicing'. Therefore, they represent both the joy and beauty of Jewish tradition."

All of the synagogue's facilities were greatly expanded and improved. School space tripled. The seating capacity in the Appelman Chapel had doubled. Efforts were made to eliminate many stairs with the installation of ramps and the main elevator extended to the roof.

The final push to raise the remaining funds needed to finish the building was called "Add-A-Gift." In his 98th Annual Report to the congregation, George Shapiro informed the members that the anonymous benefactor had surfaced once again. He had agreed to renew his Challenge Fund Grant of a half million dollars. For every contribution of \$1,000, he would give \$500. This support could allow the congregation to complete the building and to furnish it without long-term debt.

A week of Dedication Ceremonies were held from November 30 to December 7, 1980. A celebratory Dedication Ball took place in the new Lemberg Auditorium. In anticipation, Rabbi Nadich, in his Yom Kippur Sermon for 5741, said: "This coming Hanukkah we shall celebrate and sing and light the Menorah in great joy, for we shall dedicate our New School Building and the sculptures. And the light will burn brightly for all time to come, the light of Jewish learning as a *Ner Tamid*, an Eternal Flame. Dr. Janusz Korczak and his children of the Holocaust will live not only through the sculptures. Our school, where living Jewish children will study and grow to be informed and committed Jews, will be their most meaningful memorial. In living Jewish children, the *Ner Tamid* will be a continuing flame."

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Rabbi Dawn Rose, Library Director

The above is none other than the first line of the *Ma Nishtanah*, “Why is this night different from all other nights?” in transliterated Armenian, as gleaned from the amazing book “300 Ways to Ask the Four Questions: from Zulu to Abkhaz.” The book includes translations and recordings in CD and DVD, along with related Passover puzzle and game suggestions. Come see it and the hundreds of ways to celebrate the Passover Seder at the Rothschild Library!

Bu gece neden bütün öbür gecelerden farklıdır?

We will have on display the extraordinary Rothschild Library Haggadah Collection, including amazing and beautiful art, photography, archeology, Israeli, and historical haggadot, as well as haggadot for: Christians, Zen Jewists, mixed-faith households, people from Santa Cruz, women, trade unionists, vegetarians, Hasidim, people who want to participate but know no Hebrew, environmentalists, gays, and just about every one else. Each and every wild and different Haggadah is testimony to the near-miraculous adaptability of the Passover seder to every person, its meaningfulness to every struggle toward freedom. Most of these haggadot are available for borrowing, and are a great addition to any home seder.

Also available for borrowing will be a variety of Passover music tapes and CDs to aid in the learning of Passover songs and/or to just help get you in the mood.

HAGGADAH FESTIVAL AND SALE HOURS:

MONDAY & TUESDAY 2:00-6:30 pm; WEDNESDAY 2:00-8:00 pm; THURSDAY 10:00 am-6:30 pm

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Toward the enhancement of your Passover experience and your convenience, we have the newest, most meaningful, popular, and enjoyable Passover Haggadahs for sale, along with:

HOW-TO (MAKE A SEDER) BOOKS

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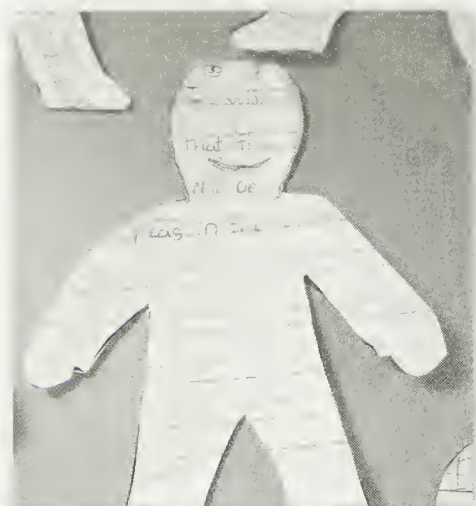
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P.A.S. Gallery

P.A.S. Timeline: Selections from our Archives Through June 2008

This very special exhibition includes a timeline of Park Avenue Synagogue history, juxtaposing P.A.S. milestones with contemporary events in Jewish history, as well as significant events in NYC, American, and world history. The exhibit cases feature significant artifacts from the P.A.S. Archives collection. The show begins with

the history of the founding congregations, and then surveys the decades from the 1920s through the 125th Anniversary year. The exhibition highlights the generations of clergy who have led our synagogue with commitment and vision and their distinguished contributions to P.A.S., the Jewish community, and world history.



The Next Step...

The Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School invites the parents of prospective students to join us for an

Open House

Tuesday, April 29
6:30 pm-7:30 pm | 3rd Floor

Light refreshments will be served.
Application packets will be available.

R.S.V.P. by April 15
212-369-2600 ext. 131 or pspiro@pasyn.org.

Junior Congregation

Ron Koas, Education Director

The P.A.S. Junior Congregation is an integral part of the Congregational School program. Students in *Gimel-Vav* (3rd-6th grade) and the *Limud 2* class meet in the Appleman Chapel from 10:15-11:15 am for a Shabbat morning service. Leadership of the service rotates among the students. Through regular attendance at Junior Congregation, our young members learn to feel at home in the service and in the Synagogue. Attendance is required of all *Gimel-Vav* and *Limud 2* Congregational School students, but all children of this age are welcome to join in the davening and warm atmosphere.

Our students love Junior Congregation because of its fun program and interactive services. Students are taught the Shabbat prayers in a meaningful way that is enjoyable and never tedious. They learn different lively melodies for the prayers and use many musical instruments to add to

our *ruach*. *T'filot* are followed by stories and lessons from the weekly Torah portion or upcoming holiday. Parents love Junior Congregation because their children are learning Shabbat prayers while developing an appreciation for coming to the Synagogue. Some parents choose to pray, sing, and participate with us, as well.

Our Junior Congregation program has been greatly influenced by my Leadership Institute experience. Every Shabbat begins with a *niggun* (melody without words). During these times, I am reminded of how much I love to sing. The *niggun* creates a special mood in our services. It helps everyone relax, connect with each other, and start the day with a spiritual feeling.

I love leading Junior Congregation and love seeing the students participating with all their hearts in the service. If you have a minute or two on Shabbat come and join us. You'll love it too.

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April Birthday Celebration

Friday, April 4 | 6:15 pm

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with April birthdays will be called up to the bimah and honored. Come as a family and celebrate.

Contact Rabbi Stern's office for more details.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, April 5 | 11:15-12:00 pm

P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on Shabbat.

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, April 11 | 5:15-6:00 pm

Join us for Friday evening services for toddlers and pre-school aged children, parents, grandparents and friends.

Save the date

Young Families Shabbat Dinner \$ ①

Friday, May 2 | 5:15 pm

Please join us for Shabbat music, fun and dinner for you and your tots. Hosted by the Young Couples Group. All are welcome, reservations required. \$42/YCG member, \$50/non-member, \$25/child.

To R.S.V.P. or for more information, please contact Rochelle Ludwig at rochelleludwig@gmail.com, Stephanie Leichter at stephanie.leichter@gmail.com, or Natalie Barth at natalie_barth@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, April 1 25 Adar II

CS Vav Jewish Museum Visit

Wednesday, April 2 26 Adar II

CS Hay Jewish Museum Visit

10:30 am Raising Your Jewish Child \$ ①

6:30 pm ECC Parents

Friday, April 4 28 Adar II

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service:

Welcoming the Sabbath

Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, April 5 29 Adar II

Parashat Tazrai

Shabbat HaChodesh

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Bloom

SON OF JEANNE AND JEFFREY BLOOM

9:30 am Havurah Service

10:15 am Jr. Congregation

11:15 am Nitzanim Service

11:15 am Tot Shabbat

Sunday, April 6 1 Nisan

Rosh Chodesh Nisan

10:00 am Passover Family Art Workshop

Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing!

Kadima and Ruach Events

Monday, April 7 2 Nisan

2:00-6:30 pm Haggadah Fest

Tuesday, April 8 3 Nisan

2:00-6:30 pm Haggadah Fest

CS Vav Jewish Museum Visit

Wednesday, April 9 4 Nisan

2:00-8:00 pm Haggadah Fest

CS Hay Jewish Museum Visit

Thursday, April 10 5 Nisan

2:00-6:30 pm Haggadah Fest

Friday, April 11 6 Nisan

5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

6:00 pm CS Gimel, Daled Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner

Saturday, April 12 7 Nisan

Parashat Metzora

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Lustig

DAUGHTER OF ANDREA AND IVAN LUSTIG

Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Coplan

DAUGHTER OF CAROLYN AND DR. NEIL COPLAN

10:15 am Jr. Congregation

11:15 am Nitzanim Service

Sunday, April 13 8 Nisan

10:00 am Men's Club/HS Project Ezra Food Delivery

Monday, April 14 9 Nisan

4:00 pm CS Daled, Hay Model Seders

Tuesday, April 15 10 Nisan

4:00 pm CS Gan Students/Parents Model Seders

4:00 pm CS Vav, Limud 2 Student Model Seder

Wednesday, April 16 11 Nisan

4:00 pm CS Bet Students/Parents Model Seders

Thursday, April 17 12 Nisan

4:00 pm CS Alef and Limud 1 Students/Parents Model Seders

4:00 pm CS Gimel Students Model Seder

Friday, April 18 13 Nisan

No toddler classes

Saturday, April 19 14 Nisan

Parashat Achrei Mot

Shabbat HaGadol

Erev Pesach

CS Spring Break Begins

First Seder

7:45 pm Passover Evening Service

8:15 pm Congregational First Seder \$ ①

Sunday, April 20 15 Nisan

First Day Passover

Second Seder

7:45 pm Passover Evening Service

8:15 pm Congregational Second Seder \$ ①

Friday, April 25 20 Nisan

Chol HaMoed Pesach

Offices Close 1:00 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

From Slavery to Freedom

Congregational Shabbat Dinner Chol

HaMoed Pesach \$ ①

Saturday, April 26 21 Nisan

Seventh Day Passover

Food Pantry Shabbat

11:15 am Tot Shabbat

Monday, April 28 23 Nisan

CS Resumes

Tuesday, April 29 24 Nisan

ECC Starts

6:30 pm CS Next Step Open House

When one loves *tzedakah* and justice, the earth is filled with God's loving-kindness. —*Psalms 33:5*

Kol Nidre Appeal 2007/5768

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Chook
Mr. Irving Hoffman

Hesed Fund

Carol J. Antler, *in memory of Frederick Rothstein.*

High School Food Pantry

Richard Bass & Family, *in memory of the mother of Alan Shinman.*
Richard Bass & Family, *in memory of Albina Latsinik.*
Richard Bass & Family, *in memory of Jed Srybnik's mother.*
Paul & Anne Corwin, *in memory of Denise Davin Kozin's mother, Evelyn Davin.*
Alisa & Daniel Doctoroff.
Mark & Lori Fife.
Elaine Gilde & Richard Green, *in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sabrina Rizzi, daughter of Steven & Lisa Rizzi.*
Elaine Gilde & Richard Green, *in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Katy Mayerson, daughter of Sandra Mayerson.*
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz.
Susan & Isaac Lemor, *in honor of the wedding of Peter & Jennifer Bernstein.*
Dr. & Mrs. Barrie Levitt.
Sheila Miller, *in memory of her beloved mother Anne Baker.*
Rita & Nathan Moser, *in recognition of Stephen Rutman's hard work and dedication to the Park Avenue Synagogue's Food Pantry.*
Erica Schwartz, *in honor of Rabbi Dawn Rose.*
Andrew & Ricky Shechtel.
Dr. Barbara Weinstein & Louis Bernstein, *in honor of their anniversary.*

Liturgical Music Fund

Edna Burak, *in memory of her mother, Ruth Goodman Brussel.*
Florence Solomon, *in celebration of Cantor Abramson and Cantor Lefkowitz, for their devotion and participation to the annual Liturgical Music service.*

Nursery School Fund

Janet & Howard Kagan.

Prayer Book Fund

Susan & Harris Amster, *in loving memory of our beloved father Ezra J. Denerstein.*
Susan & Harris Amster, *in honor of their anniversary.*

Religious School Fund

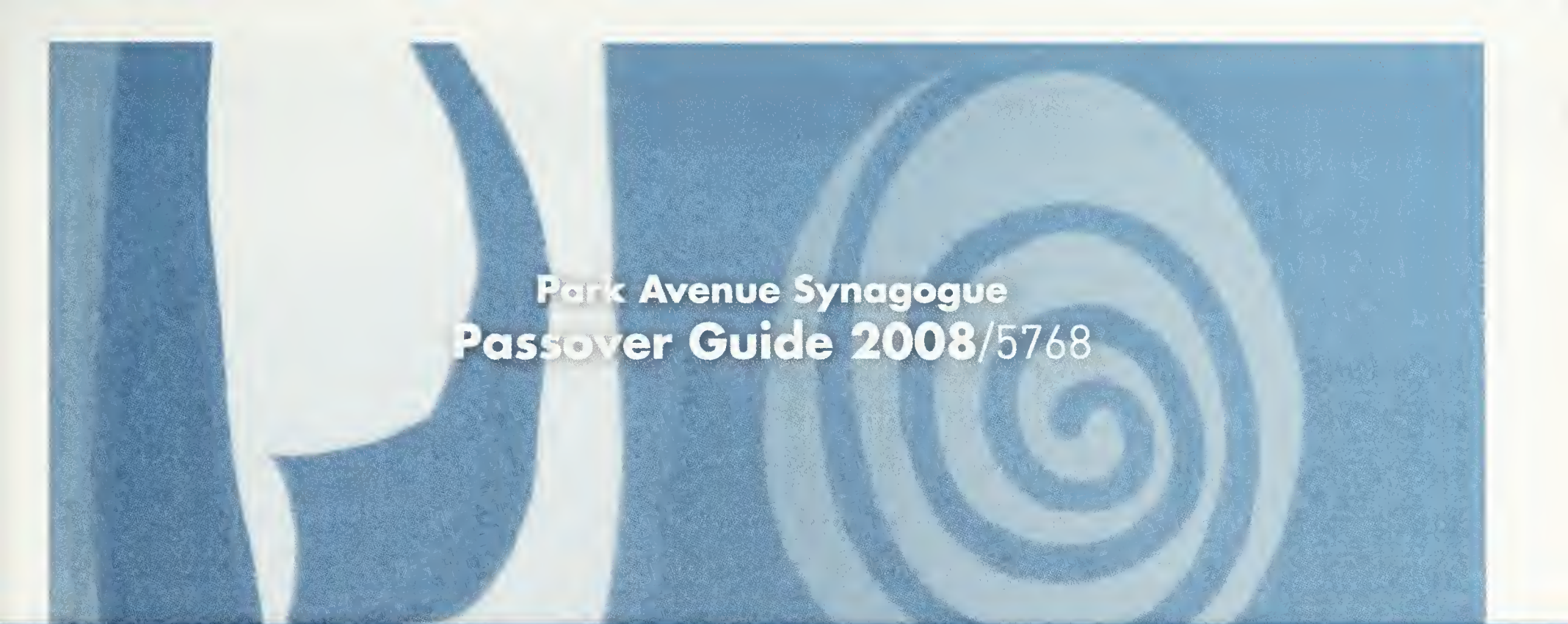
Mr. Julius Paige, *in memory of his beloved father, Jake Pogrebinsky.*

Welfare Fund

Naomi Birnbach, *in honor of Rabbi Lincoln.*
Patricia Fuchs, *in memory of her beloved aunt Estelle Kratka.*
Ruth Levenson, *in memory of her beloved husband, Ralph Levenson.*

Synagogue Offerings

Judith Agisim, *in memory of her beloved mother Vera Gottfried.*
Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, *in memory of her beloved brother, Louis Pakter.*
Rachelle Balaban, *in honor of her birthday.*
Clarence Barasch, *in memory of his beloved mother, Bertha L. Barasch.*
The Berkowitz Family, *in memory of Barbara Michels, mother of Heidi Silverstone.*
Florence Bernstein, *in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Anna Bernstein.*
David Brand, *in memory of his beloved father, Maurice Brand.*
Sonia Breindel, *in memory of Eric Breindel.*
Michael Brenner, *in loving memory of his mother Bella Brenner.*
Constance Breslin, *in honor of her birthday.*
Drs. Manfred & Matilda Brust, *in honor of their anniversary.*
H. Paul Burak, *in memory of his beloved mother Bette H. Burak.*
H. Paul Burak, *in memory of his beloved brother George Burak.*
Bonnie Chajet, *in memory of her beloved father, Richard Loeb.*
Annette & Hyman Charniak, *in memory of Hilda W. Davidson.*
Charles & Bonnie Charrow, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Carol Cohen, *in memory of her beloved mother-in-law Ida Cohen.*
Ronald Cohen, *in memory of his beloved mother Zelda Cohen.*
Theodore Cohn, *in memory of his beloved father, Julius H. Cohn.*
Anita Comite, *in honor of her birthday.*
Samuel Cooper.
Michael Delgado, *in memory of his beloved mother Jean Pedolsky.*
Beverly Diamond, *in honor of her birthday.*
Harvey Drachman, *in memory of his beloved mother, Miriam E. Drachman.*
Harvey & Suzanne Drachman, *in memory of their beloved son Mark Drachman.*
Suzanne Drachman, *in memory of her beloved father, Leo H. Applebaum.*
Helen Erlich, *in memory of her beloved son-in-law Mark Feiner.*
Harriet Feiweil, *in honor of her birthday.*
Bernard & Leslie Friedman, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Dr. Herbert Frommer, *in memory of his beloved father Benjamin Frommer.*
Gail Furman, *in memory of her beloved mother Deborah Babus Gorin.*
Phyllis Gallahou, *in memory of her beloved husband Murray Gallahou.*
Clifford Gelb, *in memory of his beloved father, Al Gelb.*
Harold Geringer, *in memory of his beloved father, Nathan Geringer.*
Elaine Gilde, *in memory of her beloved mother, Rena Gilde.*
Erica & Andrew Goldberg, Jacob and Sam, *in honor of Alexander Joseph Goldberg's Bar Mitzvah.*
Mary Goldman, *in memory of her beloved father, Hyman Gilbert.*
Deborah Joan Goldstein, *in memory of Rita Shapiro.*
Charles Greenberg, *in memory of his beloved father Herman Greenberg.*
Gedalio & Sonia Grinberg, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Susan Heller, *in honor of her birthday.*
Helene Hines, *in honor of her birthday.*
Dr. Basil Hyman, *in memory of his beloved mother, Mattie Hyman.*
Dr. Basil Hyman, *in memory of his beloved father, Abraham Hyman.*
Dr. Basil & Carol Hyman, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Carol Hyman, *in memory of her beloved father, Martin Davis.*
Carol Hyman, *in memory of her beloved mother Ann Davis.*
Alan Jacobs, *in memory of his beloved father, Herbert E. Jacobs.*
Floy Kaminski, *in honor of her birthday.*
Gladys Kessler, *in memory of her beloved mother, Tilly Millian Bloomfield.*
Janet Kramer, *in memory of her beloved father, Irving Rosenfeld.*
Jane Kreinik, *in memory of her beloved mother, Jeanette Berman.*
Susan Wiener Krevat, *in memory of her beloved father, Edward Wiener.*
Florence Lapidus, *in memory of her beloved mother, Anna Schmerzler.*
Ketty Setton Levantrosser, *in memory of her beloved brother, Jacques Medini.*
Bernard Leventhal, *in honor of his birthday.*
Harold Levine, *in honor of his birthday.*
Dr. Sylvia Liff, *in memory of her beloved father, Isadore Barchenko.*
Diana Mathes, *in memory of her beloved mother, Hilda Mathes.*
Rita Matthews, *in memory of her dear father, Rabbi Sol Rolnick.*



Park Avenue Synagogue Passover Guide 2008/5768

THE MEANING OF PASSOVER

Passover is the Feast of Freedom, commemorating Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. It is celebrated on the 15th of Nisan and lasts for eight days. **In 2008/5768, the first Seder is April 19.** The rituals of Passover are largely home-based. Before the holiday begins, the home is searched throughout for any *chametz* (leavened bread, or any food containing yeast, any raw grain product (that has the potential to rise) and any baked product that is not certified as Kosher for Passover). All traces are removed. Matzah and unleavened ingredients replace all bread prod-

ucts. The festival is commemorated with special synagogue worship services. The Torah is read recounting the narrative of the Exodus, and *Hallel*, the Psalms of praise, are chanted. The highlight of the Passover celebration is the Seder Service. The feast of Passover has become the symbol of one of humankind's most cherished ideals—freedom from enslavement. To the Jew, it is an annual reminder that the struggle for freedom is never ending. *"In each generation, the Jew must regard himself as though he personally has been delivered from the hands of the Egyptians,"* declares the Haggadah.



The Seder

Essentially, the seder consists of telling the story of the Exodus, using various symbols for illustration and dramatization. The youngest child at the table asks the Four Questions of his/her parents. "Why is this night different from all other nights of the year?" He/she questions the eating of unleavened bread, the use of bitter herbs, the ritual of dipping food in salt water and the custom of leaning at the seder table. (If there is no child present, anyone may ask these questions.)

The story the parents unfold is read from the Haggadah. It is the familiar tale of Israelite slavery in Egypt, and a Pharaoh's obstinate refusal to let the Israelites go. We also recall Moses' courageous leadership and the miracle of redemption. The participants at the seder sit, leaning on pillows, to signify a feeling of leisure and freedom. An important part of Passover is the tradition that our blessings are to be shared with the less fortunate. The Cup of Elijah is filled, the front door is opened, and the family waits in silence while the spirit of the prophet Elijah, symbol of the humble wayfarer, and harbinger of the Messianic Era, enters to share the seder. Custom dictates that guests be invited to the family table.



THE SEDER PLATE SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DISPLAYED:

- 1** A SHANK BONE, a reminder of the paschal lamb in the Temple.
- 2** CHAROSET, which is a mixture of apples, nuts, wine and cinnamon, used to recall the mortar and cement used by the Israelite slaves. The sweet taste of the *charoset* may recall God's sweetness, which made slavery easier to bear.
- 3** BITTER HERBS, reminders of the bitterness of slavery in Egypt.
- 4** PARSLEY (or any greens), often used to symbolize the arrival of spring.
- 5** A HARD-BOILED EGG, representing the holiday offering.
- 6** SALT WATER, which is a reminder of the tears shed by the Israelites during slavery.
- 7** THREE MATZOT, often interpreted as representing the three categories of Jews: *The Kohen, the Levite, and the Israelite.*

Guidelines for Planning Ahead for Your Family Seder

Read the explanations in your Haggadah to be sure you have all the dishes and foods necessary.

Use your best Passover china, candlesticks, tablecloth and glassware and make your table more beautiful by using flowers. Be sure everyone "dresses" for the seder and that you have enough kipot for your male guests.

Make Passover more meaningful by remembering a few "dos" and "don'ts." Take time during the coming days to prepare for your seder. If you follow these tips you will have a more meaningful and enjoyable holiday.

Invite guests to share the seder with you. For example, students away from home would love to be in a Jewish home for the seder.

Go over the "Four Questions" with the youngest member of the household.

Give a late-afternoon snack to everyone so that they will not be restless waiting for dinner.

Be sure everyone has the same Haggadah. Share the honor of conducting the ceremony with everyone at the table. Have everyone read a portion of the service to ensure a meaningful experience.

Let the youngsters play a key role in the seder. Let them open the door for Elijah. Provide an appropriate small reward for the child who finds the Afikomen.

Be sure the service is the main part of the evening and the meal is secondary. Do not rush through the service.

Detergents

If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a Kosher le-Pesach label.

Medicine

Since *chametz* binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life-sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesach. If it is not for life-sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult our rabbis. In all cases, capsules are preferable to pills.

Kashering of Utensils

The process of *kashering* kitchen utensils depends on how they are used. Therefore utensils used in cooking on the stovetop are *kashered* by boiling; those used in broiling are *kashered* by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are *kashered* by rinsing.

Chametz and non-Passover dishes and pots

whose ownership has been transferred should be separated, locked up or covered and marked to prevent accidental use.

Dishwasher

After not using the machine for 24 hours, run it empty with detergent for a full cycle.

Earthenware

(china, pottery, etc.) may not be *kashered*, but fine translucent earthenware that has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

Electrical appliances

Parts that come into contact with *chametz* and are removable can be *kashered* in the appropriate way (i.e., if metal see above). All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned. If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be *kashered*.

Every part of ovens and ranges

that comes into contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned, then the oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half-hour. If there is a broil setting use that; self-cleaning ovens should be put through the self-cleaning cycle.

Glassware

Authorities differ on the method for *kashering* drinking utensils. One opinion required soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours; the other required only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach or putting them through the dishwasher.

Kitchen sink

A metal sink can be *kashered* by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

Metal

(utensils wholly made of metal) and utensils used in fire (spit, broiler) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Pots, silverware, etc., must be thoroughly scrubbed and completely immersed in boiling water.

Microwave ovens

that do not cook the food by means of heat should be cleaned, and then a cup of water should be placed inside and the oven turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be *kashered* for Passover.

Pots

should have water boiled in them that will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be *kashered*.

Tables, closets, counters

used with *chametz* should be thoroughly cleaned and covered before use for Pesach.

B'dikat chametz

A formal search for *chametz* must take place on the night before Passover, the eve of the 14th of Nisan. It should take place as soon after nightfall as possible. The *Mishnah* established the requirement of conducting a careful and intensive search for *chametz* on the night before Passover as a means of finding and cleansing the home of all *chametz*, even that stored in the crevices of ancient stone walls. Although it has long since become customary to do a thorough cleaning of a home well in advance of the holiday, the formal search required by the *Mishnah* has remained an established observance in preparing for the Passover.

THE TRADITIONAL PROCEDURE FOR THE CEREMONIAL B'DIKAT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Before beginning the search, the following blessing is recited:

**Baruch ata A-donai E-lohainu
melech ha olam asher
kidshanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu al biur chametz.**

**Blessed art Thou, Lord our
God, King of the universe,
who has commanded us
concerning the destruction of
the chametz.**

In darkened rooms, and with a single lighted candle in the hand, the head of the household moves from room to room, wherever food may have been brought in at any time, including storage areas, basements and attics. A few large crumbs should be placed around the house for collection.

A large wooden spoon is traditionally used as a receptacle in which to gather the breadcrumbs (and later, at the burning of *chametz*, it serves as the kindling agent), and a feather is used to brush the crumbs into the spoon. However, any receptacle, such as a paper plate or paper bag, and another cleaning instrument may be used.

Chametz food still needed for the next morning should be set aside in one place before the search begins. It need not be gathered up in the search.

Chametz may not be eaten after 10:45 am on *Erev Pesach*. Upon concluding the search say, "All leaven and all *chametz* that is in my possession that I did not see and did not destroy, let it be null and ownerless as the dust of the earth."

The Burning of the Chametz takes place the following morning no later than 11:50 am.

The *chametz* that has been gathered the night before in the ceremonial search, plus whatever is left from breakfast, is thrown into the furnace or incinerator to be burned, or where allowed, a small fire may be lit outdoors for burning the *chametz*. After the *chametz* is thrown into the flames, the Statement of Nullification is repeated, but with a somewhat more inclusive statement: "All leaven and all *chametz* that is in my possession that I have seen or not seen, that I have destroyed or have not destroyed, let it be null and ownerless as the dust of the earth."

On Being a Seder Leader

When I close my eyes

I see the faces around the table of family sedarim of my youth. **I hear** the voice of my Zaidie chanting the Haggadah in the singsong of the Old Country. **I smell** the tzimmes and the farfel and the matzah ball soup from my Bubbie's Kitchen. **I taste** the sweetness of the charoset that I made for the family seder when I was ten.

I feel the shock of eating too much maror much too quickly.

When I open my eyes

I see the faces around the table of family sedarim in my children's youth.

I hear my voice and the voices of my family chanting the Haggadah in the singsongs of the Old and New Country.

I smell the tzimmes and the farfel and the matzah ball soup—now pareve.

I feel the promise of Pesach from generation to generation.

Sitting around the seder table the generations merge. Every Jew who ever was, Who ever will be, is telling the story. Only now the guests are looking at me to guide them. **I am not** my Zaide.

I am not my own children.

I am a Jew who has left Egypt, and I'm headed to the Promised Land. May God grant me the ability to relate the story of our people, Eliciting from all the facets of our tale, So that our children and our children's children Will continue the story and the journey.

Selling of Chametz

When the conditions of life made it impossible to fulfill the biblical command to remove and destroy all leavened products literally, our rabbinic sages instituted a legal remedy.

Through *mekhirat chametz*, the selling of *chametz*, each Jew is reminded of the necessity to divest himself/herself of ownership of *chametz* during Passover. In this procedure, the individual authorizes the Rabbi to act as his/her agent to sell all *chametz* and *chametz* utensils to a non-Jew.

Siyum of the First Born

It is the practice of all first-born sons (and increasingly daughters) to attend the morning minyan service before Passover begins, and to take part in the *siyum bechorim*—the study of a Talmud passage. The first-born is technically obligated to fast the day before Pesach to commemorate the redemption of Israel's first-born while Egypt's first-born perished. In order to obviate the necessity of fasting on that day, it is mandatory not only for first-born children to attend the minyan and study, but parents of first-born children under the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah are obligated to attend in their stead and to represent their sons and daughters.

Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide

This guide was prepared for the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards and modified by Park Avenue Synagogue.

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *chametz* during Pesach, and since many common foods contain some admixture of *chametz*, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesach.

During the eight days of Pesach, *chametz* cannot lose its identity in an admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of *chametz* renders the whole admixture *chametz* and its use on Pesach prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, *chametz* follows the normal rules of admixture, i.e., it loses its identity in an admixture of one part *chametz* and sixty parts of *non-chametz* (*batel be-shishim*). This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during Pesach. What follows is a general guideline. However, consult our Rabbis when any doubt arises. Kosher le-Pesach labels that do not bear the name of a rabbi or one of the recognized symbols of rabbinic supervision, or which are not integral to the package, should not be used without consulting one of our rabbis.

Prohibited Foods

These include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (*kitniyot*) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted). The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible. Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above.

If you wish to be sure that all guests will be comfortable in your home, it is always best to adhere to the more restrictive standard.

Please consult one of our rabbis for guidance in the use of these products.

Permitted Foods

IF PURCHASED PRIOR TO PESACH

THE FOLLOWING FOODS REQUIRE NO KOSHER LE-PESACH LABEL:

unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives (be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not kosher for Passover unless marked KP); sugar, pure tea (not herbal tea); salt (not iodized); pepper; natural spices; frozen fruit juices with no additives; frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes see above); milk; and baking soda.

IF PURCHASED BEFORE OR DURING PESACH

THE FOLLOWING FOODS REQUIRE NO KOSHER LE-PESACH LABEL:

fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes see above), and eggs.

IF PURCHASED BEFORE OR DURING PESACH

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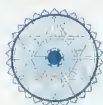
All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah); canned or bottled fruit juices; canned tuna; wine; vinegar; liquor; oils; dried fruits; candy; chocolate flavored milk; ice cream; yogurt and soda.

IF PURCHASED DURING PESACH

THE FOLLOWING PROCESSED FOODS (CANNED, BOTTLED OR FROZEN) REQUIRE A KOSHER LE-PESACH LABEL:

milk, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, as well as all foods listed above.

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Synagogue Offerings continued

Sandy Mayerson.

Roxandra Meron, *in memory of Jonathan Meron.*

Lisa Miller, *in memory of her beloved father Sidney Applebaum.*

Beth Moses, *in honor of her birthday.*

Janet Moss, *in honor of her birthday.*

Herbert Nadler, *in memory of his beloved mother, Mary Nadler.*

Herbert Nadler, *in memory of his beloved father Jack Nadler.*

Herbert & Judith Nadler, *in honor of their 50th anniversary.*

Stanley Nasberg, *in memory of his beloved mother, Myra Nasberg.*

Dr. Sidney & Ruth Nearenberg, *in honor of their anniversary.*

Selma & Jeff Newman, *in honor of the marriage of Peter Bernstein and Jennifer Newman.*

Rise Norman, *in honor of her birthday.*

Morris Orden, *in honor of Rabbi David Lincoln*

Dr. Morris M. Podolsky & Laurie Ferber Podolsky, *in honor of their anniversary.*

Dr. Brian Pollack, *in honor of his birthday.*

Richard Samuels, *in memory of his beloved daughter, Deborah Lynn Greenberg.*

Andrew Schnipper, *in honor of his birthday.*

Esther Silver, *in memory of her beloved uncle Sigmund Hockmeyer.*

Joel Silver, *in memory of his beloved mother, Fannie Silver.*

Alison Silverstein, *in memory of her beloved father Bertram Summer.*

Irene Sommerfeld, *in memory of her beloved father, Herman Sommerfeld.*

Martin & Shelly Spergel, *in honor of their anniversary.*

Bernice Tannenbaum, *in memory of her beloved father Isidore Franklin.*

Roxana Tetenbaum, *in memory of her beloved father Joseph Sobie.*

Marvin Torker, *in honor of his birthday.*

Nancy Treiger, *in memory of her beloved aunt Betty Rosenfeld.*

Nancy Treiger, *in memory of her beloved father Martin Davis.*

Marvin Weinberg, *in honor of his birthday.*

Meryl Wiener, *in memory of her beloved mother Celia Wiener.*

Irene Winkelman, *in memory of her beloved mother, Gussie G. Winkelman.*

Esther Woolf, *in memory of her beloved husband Morton Woolf.*

Ellen Yuder, *in memory of her beloved father, Larry Davidman.*

Laurie Zacharias, *in memory of her beloved father, Arthur Zivy.*

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Arnold and Lite Sabin *in memory of Patricia Corn, beloved sister of Stephanie Later.*



Siyum of the First Born

Thursday, April 17 | 7:15 am

This service has evolved from traditional practices: the Fast of the Firstborn, *Ta'anit Bechorim* takes place on the day before Passover, to commemorate and express gratitude for firstborn Israelites in Egypt being spared during the tenth plague. This minor fast, which begins at sunrise, rather than the previous night, is to be observed not only by the firstborn sons (and now daughters) but also by the parents of children under the age of B'nai Mitzvah who are too young to participate.

Other traditions and a halachic principle are involved: the principle that Torah study can supersede and break off a fast; and the custom that at the completion of study of a tractate of the Talmud (or other body of Jewish text), a *siyum* celebration is held with food and drink.

It is our practice for firstborns to attend the morning minyan on *Erev Passover* and take part in the *siyum bechorim*—the study of a Talmud passage. When the study is completed, a festive meal (*seudat mitzvah*) “meal in honor of a mitzvah” is arranged in the synagogue and completes the fast.

Shabbat HaGadol

Saturday, April 19

This special Shabbat occurs at the beginning of the week in which Passover is observed, and in 5768 is actually *Erev Passover*. Its name, *Shabbat HaGadol*, which means the Great Sabbath, was bestowed because of the significance of the festival to follow. A special haftarah (Malachi 3:4-24) is read that day, reminding the Israelites of their relationship with God and ending with the announcement that God will send Elijah as the herald of the messianic age.

The portion, Malachai 3:23-24, “*I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the great (HaGadol) and awesome day of the Lord. He shall reconcile parents with children and children with their parents, so that when I come I do not strike the whole land with utter destruction.*” It evokes the association of Elijah and messianic liberation, traditionally connected to Passover.

ABOVE:

Haggadot from the collection of Rabbi Judah Nadich.



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The P.A.S. *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at 212-369-2600 ext. 120.



CORRECTION: Through an editing error, a mistake appeared in the article about Rabbi David H. Lincoln in the March Bulletin. While his father was indeed active in the Conservative movement in England, he was not a rabbi: he was a lawyer and a naval officer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<div>EXCEPT AS NOTED</div> <div>Mincha Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.</div> <div>Daily Minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am;</div> <div>Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.</div> <div>Hashkama Saturdays and Yom Tov at 7:30 am.</div> <div>Information is subject to change.</div> <div>Confirm at www.pasyn.org or with the office.</div>							
<div>6</div> <div>1 Nisan</div> <div>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</div> <div>10:00 am Passover Family Art Workshop</div> <div>Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing! Kadima and Ruach Events</div>	<div>7</div> <div>2 Nisan</div> <div>Haggadah Fest</div> <div>11:00 am Sisterhood Book Discussion</div> <div>6:30 pm Adult Hebrew</div> <div>Level II, Conv. \$ 6</div> <div>7:30 pm Modern Hebrew \$ 6</div> <div>7:30 pm Moonbeams</div> <div>8:00 pm Book Discussion Group</div>	<div>8</div> <div>3 Nisan</div> <div>Haggadah Fest</div> <div>11:00 am Tuesday Topics</div> <div>4:00 pm CS Yav Museum Visit</div> <div>6:15 pm Men's Club Board</div> <div>6:30 pm Siddur Hebrew</div> <div>Level I \$ 6</div>	<div>9</div> <div>4 Nisan</div> <div>Haggadah Fest</div> <div>4:00 pm CS Hay Museum Visit</div> <div>8:00 pm Moses in Transition \$ 6</div>	<div>10</div> <div>5 Nisan</div> <div>Haggadah Fest</div> <div>11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn</div>	<div>11</div> <div>6 Nisan</div> <div>Light Candles: 7:13 pm</div> <div>5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>6:00 pm CS Gimel, Daled</div> <div>Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>Service & Dinner 6</div> <div>6:15 pm Friday Evening Service</div>	<div>12</div> <div>7 Nisan</div> <div>Parashat Metzora</div> <div>9:15 am Sanctuary Service</div> <div>10:15 am Jr. Congregation</div> <div>11:15 am Nitzanin Service</div> <div>6:00 pm Mincha</div>	
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A Look Ahead

Young Families Shabbat Dinner \$ 0

Friday, May 2 | 5:15 pm

Please join us for Shabbat music, fun and dinner for you and your tots. Hosted by the Young Couples Group. All are welcome, reservations required. \$42/YCG member, \$50/non-member, \$25/child.

To R.S.V.P. or for more information, please contact
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Salute to Israel

60th Birthday Block Party and Musicale Sunday May 4

Momentum is building at P.A.S. for the Salute to Israel's 60th Birthday Block Party. *See page 6 for details.*

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Salute to Israel Parade | Sunday June 1 | Details to follow

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